

**Town of Mansfield
Parks Advisory Committee
Minutes
November 4, 2009
Acting Secretary-Ethan Avery**

Present: Sue Harrington, Tom Harrington, Jennifer Kaufman, Ethan Avery, Michele Baughman, Alfred Montoya and Norma LoMonaco

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M
- II. The minutes were approved with minor changes
- III. New Business
 1. Revising Management Plans-The Dorwort Property, and Moss Sanctuary need management plans and the Lions Field Management will need to be revised.
The committee plans to review two at a time at the winter meetings starting in December.
 2. 2010 Meeting Schedule-The committee will continue to meet once a month but with no meetings in July or August
 3. Appointing a Permanent Secretary-Alfred Montoya has volunteered to be the permanent secretary and will begin in the near future
- IV. Continuing Business
 1. Walktober Update
 - a. There were 18 people for a scavenger hunt in Dunhamtown Forest on the 10th
 - b. The walk at 50 Foot Cliff Preserve was rained out on 18th
 - c. The Saw Mill Brook Preserve walk had 30 people and beautiful weather
 2. Winter Program Information-There will be the Winter tracking program with Sue Harrington on Jan. 24, the Star Party with Cynthia Petersen on Jan 22, the end of winter hike at Schoolhouse Brook Park with Sue Harrington on March 20, and the Nature Reading Group with Jean Haskell from February to May.
- V. Staff Report
 1. Bird Blind Update- The bird blind in Commonfields Park has been completed very nicely by Chan-Soo Kim
 2. NAV Fall Workdays-There were three well attended fall workdays (at Schoolhouse Brook Park, Old Spring Hill Field, and the bird blind site in Commonfields). There will be an end of season workday at the Community Garden on November 7th
 3. River Park Rain Garden-has been planted and established. There is some issue of erosion, measures have been taken to slow erosion and a more permanent solution will be implemented in the Spring

4. Referendum-the referendum would have passed had there been enough voters, the referendum will be revised due to complaints about the phrasing and will be voted on later
5. WHIP-most of the work for the year is done and good progress has been made stopping invasive

VI. Other Committee Minutes-no comments

VII. Other Business

1. The Weisses request to terminate the right of way for the Dunhamtown Forest along the Algonquin Transmission Line- 1)There is no existing Trails, 2)nor is there any plans to build a trail in the foreseeable future, 3) It is not recommended that the right of way be terminated, 4) The owners of the property purchased the property with full knowledge of this right of way

VIII. Adjournment-8:40 PM-Tom motions, Ethan seconds

Respectfully Submitted, Ethan Avery, Acting Secretary